

Council Meeting – 6 November 2023

Agenda Item 6 – Questions submitted by the Public

Question:

Will officers please explain their reasons fully for the indecent haste of submitting the Local Plan for Examination by June 2025 and explain how this previously locally unmatched timetable, will be delivered.

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Response from Officers

In July 2022 the Council adopted a Local Development Scheme ('LDS') which set out its timetable for submission of the local plan for examination. This was for the Regulation 18 consultation to be undertaken by October 2023, and Regulation 19 consultation between December 2024 and January 2025 with a view to submitting the plan for examination by June 2025.

The Council has therefore been working towards submission in June 2025 since it adopted the LDS in July 2022. This timetable was reinforced by the triggering of the review arrangements for the local plan following Leicester City Council issuing their Regulation 19 consultation in January 2023.

The Council has already commenced local plan preparation in accordance with its LDS. The Council intends to meet this previously adopted timeline by following the LDS timetable adopted in July 2022, with a minor amendment to the consultation dates, by:

- Undertaking the Regulation 18 initial issues and options public consultation in January 2024
- Prioritising local plan preparation, using external capacity and expertise as and when required
- Signing the SoCG to confirm the local plan housing requirement
- Undertaking the Regulation 19 public consultation in January 2025
- Ensuring that appropriate resources are provided to support the Council's decision of July 2022 to submit its updated local plan for examination by June 2025.

As with all important projects, the preparation of the local plan will be subject to robust project management and oversight.